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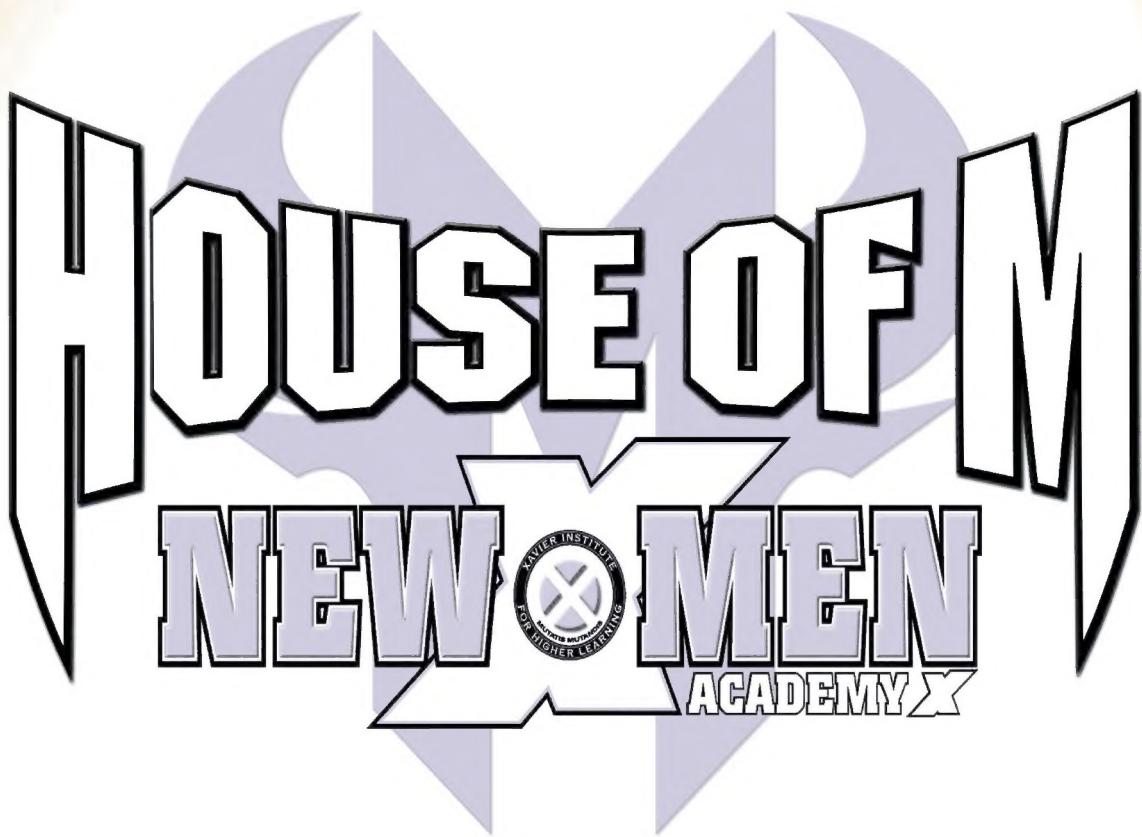


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THE WORLD WE KNEW...

Born with genetic mutations that give them abilities beyond those of normal humans, mutants are the next stage in evolution. As such, they were feared and hated. But a group of mutants known as the X-MEN fought for the safety of mutants and peaceful co-existence between mutant and humankind. Their headquarters also served as a school for the next generation of mutants. These students trained in squads, and two squads, the NEW MUTANTS and the HELLIONS, frequently clashed in training exercises and personal matters. And then the world burned white...



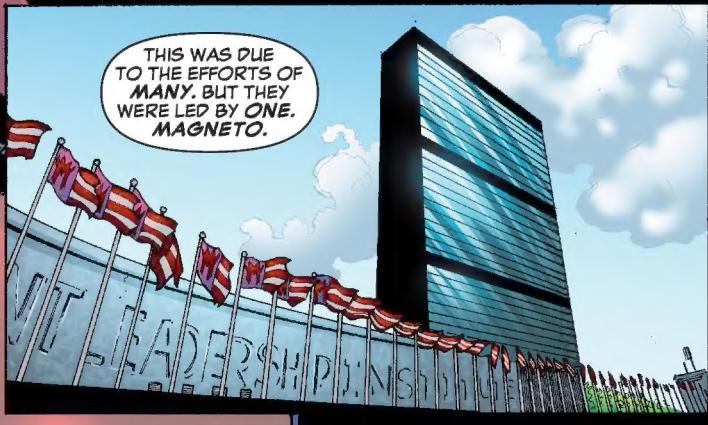
THE WORLD WE NOW LIVE IN...

The world has been remade. In the new world, ERIK MAGNUS, the man known as MAGNETO, won his war in defense of mutant-kind. He has made a better life for all mutants, or Homo Superior, and the world is under his control. Homo Superior live ideal lives and outnumber their genetic predecessors, Homo Sapiens. The remaining Homo Sapiens must live in a world now dominated by mutants.  
Welcome to the HOUSE OF M.

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TWENTY YEARS AGO, HOMO SUPERIOR FINALLY CRAWLED OUT FROM UNDER THE OPPRESSION OF HOMO SAPIENS.



YOU'RE NOT HERE TO LEARN TO FIGHT. THE FIGHT IS OVER. THE WORLD IS AT PEACE. YOU'RE HERE NOW TO LEARN HOW TO LEAD.



AND THIS YEAR, SO MANY OF YOU TOOK GREAT STEPS TOWARDS BECOMING THE VISIONARIES OF TOMORROW.

THE ONES WHO WILL CREATE A BETTER FUTURE FOR HOMO SUPERIOR AND HOMO SAPIEN.

WHEN DO WE MAKE OUR MOVE?

SOON.

TODAY WE CELEBRATE PRIZEGIVING. A DAY FOR EXCELLENCE AMONG THE NEW MUTANTS TO BE RECOGNIZED.

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU BOXED ME OUT, DAVID.

YOU SHOULDN'T BE UPSET, QUENTIN. YOU'RE STILL SALUTATORIAN.

BITE ME.

DAVID, DON'T PAY ANY ATTENTION TO QUENTIN. YOU DESERVE THIS. HE'S JUST A JEALOUS LOSER.

YOU KNOW, I'M RIGHT HERE, LAURIE. I CAN HEAR YOU.

YEAH, LAY OFF. QUENTIN EARNED HIS GRADES, UNLIKE DAVID.

I DON'T NEED YOU DEFENDING ME, BRIAN.

THESE KIDS HAVE POWERS. SO DON'T WAIT TOO LONG. AS SOON AS YOU'RE CLOSE TO THE STUDENTS, DETONATE YOURSELF.



# HOUSE DIVIDED

PART 1 of 4



...BUT IF ANYONE'S  
GONNA MAKE THE NEW  
MUTANTS LOOK BAD,  
IT'S GONNA BE US!

FOCUS,  
HELLIONS!  
THIS IS NOT  
A DRILL!

UNDERSTOOD,  
AGENT  
MOONSTAR.

I KNOW THE  
HEADMASTER, AND  
SHAN COY MAANH IS  
NOT GOING TO LET  
HER KIDS FIGHT.

IT'S ALL UP  
TO JUNIOR  
S.H.I.E.L.D.  
AGENTS.









WELL DONE,  
HELLIONS. EXCELLENT  
FIRST MISSION.

AGENT  
MOONSTAR,  
A WORD  
PLEASE.

CAN WE MAKE  
THIS QUICK? I'M  
A LITTLE BUSY.

THIS WAS A FIRST MISSION FOR YOUR TEAM? THE  
SAFETY OF MY KIDS AND MY SCHOOL WASN'T  
WORTH FULLY-TRAINED AGENTS?

HEADMASTER  
MANH. THE HELLIONS  
ARE THE ELITE SQUAD OF  
STRAINNEES AT S.H.I.E.L.D.

AND THEY  
GOT THE JOB DONE.  
WHICH IS MORE THAN I CAN  
SAY FOR YOUR GROUP OF SO-  
CALLED "FUTURE LEADERS."

BY THE WAY, HEARD YOUR  
SPEECH. THE GOOD OF  
SAPIENS? BE CAREFUL  
WHAT YOU SAY.

S.H.I.E.L.D. IS  
MONITORING OUR  
SCHOOL NOW?  
WONDERFUL.

THANKS  
FOR THE SAVE,  
AGENT MOONSTAR.  
YOU AND YOUR KIDS  
CAN GO NOW.

NO NEED TO  
THANK US, EVERYONE. WE  
KNOW YOU ONLY TRAIN  
FOR TALKING AND SIGNING  
PAPERS. LEAVE THE FIGHTING  
TO THE REAL MUTANTS.

LISTEN, DORKUS. SAVOR THIS MOMENT.  
BECAUSE SOON WE'LL BE RUNNING  
THE WORLD AND YOU'LL EITHER BE  
GUARDING IT OR SWEEPING  
IT UP.

LET IT  
GO, SOORAYA.  
OTHER THAN  
BEING MILDLY CUTE,  
HE ISN'T WORTH  
OUR TIME.

I CAN'T.  
HE'S SO SMUG,  
JUBILEE.

BUT YEAH...HE  
IS KINDA CUTE. WHY  
ARE THE CUTE ONES  
ALWAYS SUCH  
JERKS?

WAY OF  
THE WORLD,  
GIRLFRIEND.  
WAY OF THE  
WORLD.



YOU NEW MUTANTS ARE THE MOST STICK-UP, ARROGANT BUNCH OF COWARDS I'VE EVER MET.

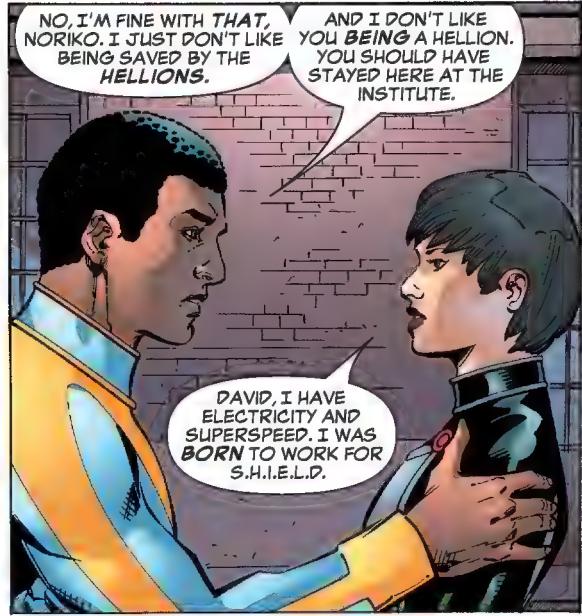
AND YOU, DADDY'S GIRL, ARE THE WORST OF THE BUNCH.



YOU, OF ALL PEOPLE, SHOULD KNOW HOW TO BE COURTEOUS, GIVEN WHO YOUR FATHER IS.

YES, MR. RAMSEY.





 S.H.I.E.L.D.  
HEADQUARTERS

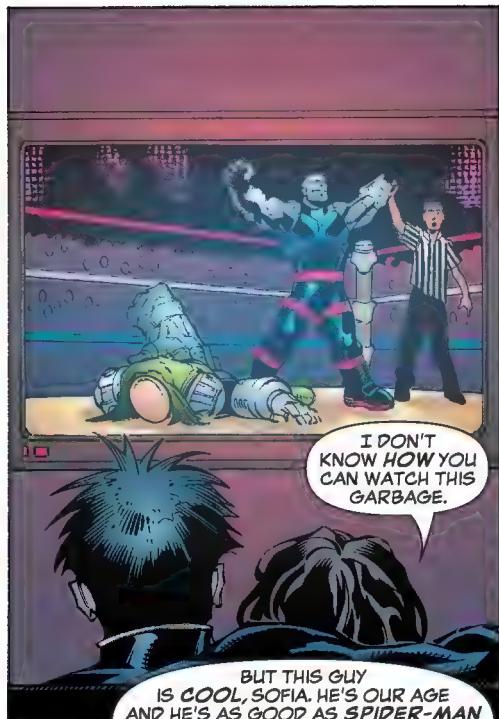
YOU HAVE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME!

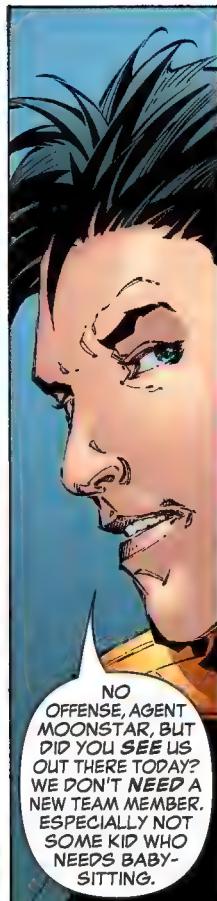
HOW CAN I ASK MY HELLIOS TO DO THIS?

THAT'S FOR YOU TO FIGURE OUT, AGENT MOONSTAR. BUT HELLIOS HAVE THE MOST PROMISE. AND I NEED MY OPERATIVES TO TRACK DOWN JAMES.

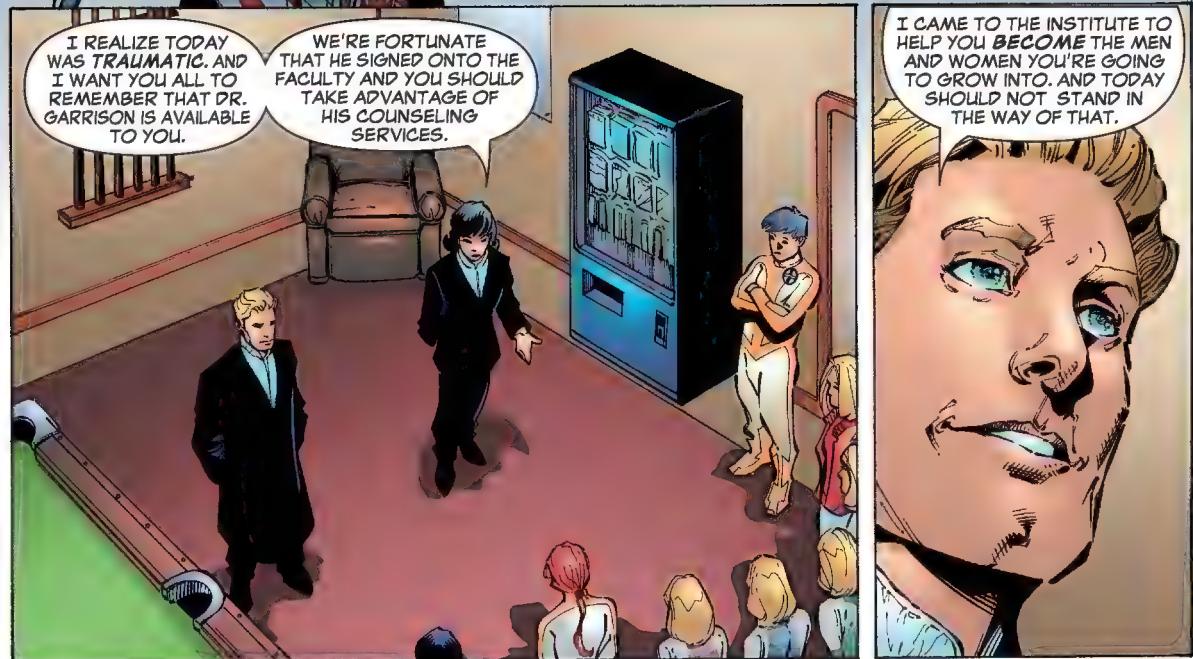
SHE WON'T DO THIS, MYSTIQUE. I GUARANTEE IT.

THEN PERHAPS A CHANGE OF PLAN IS IN ORDER.

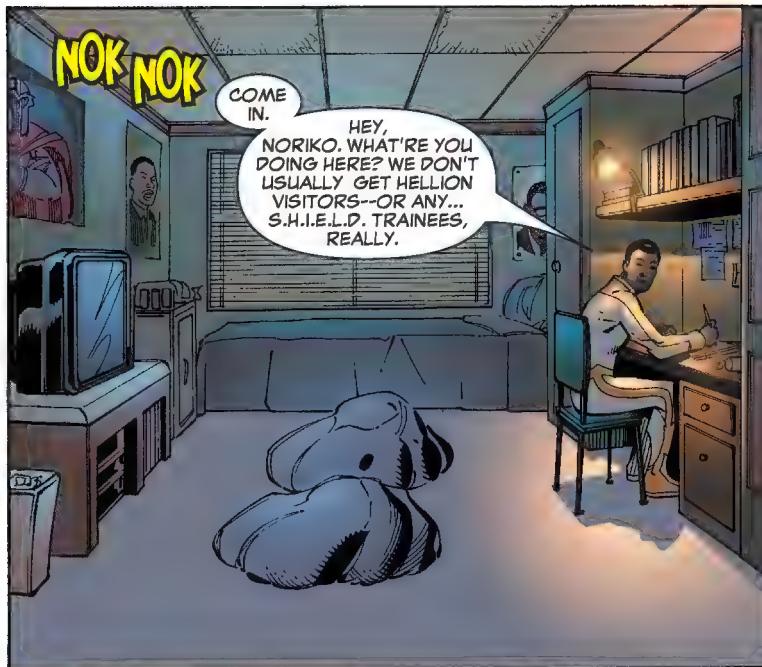














LATER...

NO WAY, IF  
HER FATHER IS  
A TERRORIST,  
HE SHOULD BE  
BROUGHT IN.

I CAN'T BELIEVE  
YOU WERE DATING  
A HELLION AND DIDN'T  
TELL US, DAVID!

THAT'S  
NOT THE POINT,  
CESSILY.

THE  
POINT IS, IF WE  
GET HIM OUT OF  
THERE BEFORE THE  
FIGHT STARTS,  
MAYBE HE CAN  
BE SAVED.

SAVED? HE SENT  
PEOPLE TO BLOW  
US UP TODAY. WHY  
DOES HE GET TO  
BE SAVED?

BECAUSE  
HE'S MY  
FATHER.

EVERYONE IS  
SOMEBODY'S FATHER.  
WHY SHOULD WE SAVE  
ONE TERRORIST?

WE'RE NOT ALL AS LUCKY AS  
YOU, LAURIE. WE DON'T HAVE  
MUTANT PARENTS. WE HAVE  
SAPIENS, AND SAPIENS SCREW  
UP SOMETIMES. YOUR MOM  
IS A SAPIEN, RIGHT?

DON'T MENTION  
MY MOTHER. SHE  
TRIED TO KEEP ME  
AWAY FROM MY  
FATHER...

...AND  
IF SOMEONE  
WANTED HER DEAD,  
I DON'T KNOW IF I  
WOULD CARE.

YOU WOULD CARE, LAURIE. WE BOTH KNOW THAT.

MAYBE I WOULD, BUT MY MOM'S NOT A TERRORIST. NORIKO'S FATHER IS A DANGEROUS MAN AND S.H.I.E.L.D. SHOULD BE GOING AFTER HIM.

IT WAS A LOT TO ASK. DON'T WORRY.

AND YOU GUYS SHOULDN'T DO IT, EITHER.

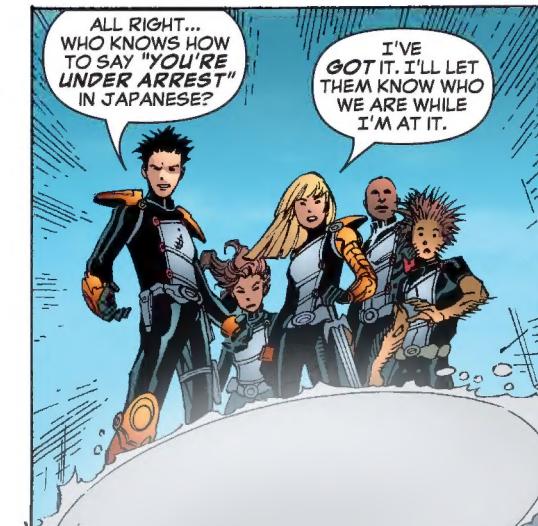
WE HAVE TO. MAYBE WE'LL GET HIM TO TURN HIMSELF IN, BUT EITHER WAY, WE CAN'T LET HIM BE KILLED.

HE'S NORIKO'S FATHER. THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS TO ME.

BUT GUYS... PLEASE DON'T TELL ANYONE ABOUT THIS.

DAVID, WE'RE YOUR FRIENDS. OF COURSE WE'LL KEEP YOUR SECRET.

X TOKYO, JAPAN



I'VE  
GOT IT. I'LL LET  
THEM KNOW WHO  
WE ARE WHILE  
I'M AT IT.



MEANWHILE...

